

H. Res. 336, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

Pages H7518–31, H7542

Pharmaceutical Market Access Act: The House passed H.R. 2427, authorizing the Secretary of Health and Human Services to promulgate regulations for the reimportation of prescription drugs, by a recorded vote of 243 ayes to 186 noes, Roll No. 445.

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Rejected the Dingell motion that sought to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce by voice vote.

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H. Res. 335, the rule providing for consideration of the bill by a voice vote after agreeing to a motion on ordering the previous question by a recorded vote of 417 ayes to 10 noes, Roll No. 439.

Pages H7531–39, H7540–41

Presidential Message—National Emergency re Middle East Peace Process: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted a 6-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process that was declared in Executive Order 12947 of January 23, 1995—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 108–108).

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Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Wu to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China.

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Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act Motions to Instruct Conferees: The House rejected the Ross motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308, Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act, that was debated on July 22, by a yea-and-nay vote of 202 yeas to 214 nays, Roll No. 446. Earlier, Representative Solis announced her intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on the bill.

Pages H7595, H7611–12

Motions to Adjourn: The House rejected the McDermott motion to adjourn by a recorded vote of 33 ayes to 383 noes, Roll No. 433 and rejected a second motion by a recorded vote of 23 ayes to 392 noes and one "present", Roll No. 437. Later rejected the Slaughter motion by a yea-and-nay vote of 41 yeas to 370 nays, with one voting "present", Roll No. 438, and rejected a second motion by a recorded vote of 35 ayes to 393 noes, Roll No. 440.

Pages H7513–14, H7517–17, H7539–40, H7541–42

Late Reports: The Committee on Science received permission to file late reports.

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Recess: The House recessed at 5:34 p.m. and reconvened at 6:07 p.m.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H7457.

Referral: S. 285 was referred to the Committees on Resources and Energy and Commerce; S. 650 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H7618–20.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and 13 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7511–12, H7512–13, H7513, H7513–14, H7514–15, H7515, H7516, H7517–18, H7539–40, H7541, H7542, H7591, H7592, H7594, H7594–95, H7611, and H7612. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:05 a.m. on Friday, July 25.

Committee Meetings

TOBACCO QUOTA BUYOUT

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review Tobacco Quota Buyout. Testimony was heard from Representatives Fletcher and Kingston; and public witnesses.

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM—REVIEW OPERATIONS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry held a hearing to review operations of the Food Stamp Program. Testimony was heard Eric M. Bost, Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, USDA.

TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the Transportation, Treasury and Independent Agencies appropriations for fiscal year 2004.

CYBER TERRORISM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on hearing on Cyber Terrorism: The New Asymmetric Threat. Testimony was heard from Robert Lentz, Director, Information Assurance, Department of Defense; Robert F. Dacey, Director, Information Technology Team, GAO; and public witnesses.

**LONG-TERM FEDERAL OBLIGATIONS—
ECONOMIC EFFECTS**

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Economic Effects of Long-Term Federal Obligations. Testimony was heard from Douglas J. Holtz-Eakin, Director, CBO; and a public witness.

**OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH
LEGISLATION**

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2728, Occupational Safety and Health Small Business Day in Court Act of 2003; H.R. 2729, Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission Efficiency Act of 2003; and H.R. 2730, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act to provide for an independent review of citations issued by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

**“ISSUES RELATING TO EPHEDRA-
CONTAINING DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS”**

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Issues Relating to Ephedra-containing Dietary Supplements.” Testimony was heard from Mark B. McClellan, M.D., Commissioner, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and J. Howard Beales III, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, FTC.

**FAIR AND ACCURATE CREDIT
TRANSACTIONS ACT**

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2622, Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003.

The Committee also approved and forwarded to the Committee on the Budget the following: “Changes in Law to Eliminate Waste, Fraud, and Abuse.”

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 2309, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2300 Redondo Avenue in Signal California, as the “J. Stephen Horn Post Office Building;” H. Con. Res. 235, celebrating the life and achievements of Lawrence Eugene “Larry” Doby; and H. Res. 315, congratulating Rafael Palmeiro of the Texas Rangers for hitting 500 major league home runs and thanking him for being a role model for the Cuban American community, as well as for all Americans.

**OVERSIGHT—THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN—
PUTTING CUSTOMERS FIRST**

Committee on Government Reform: Held an oversight hearing entitled “The Thrift Savings Plan: Putting Customers First?” Testimony was heard from Andrew Saul, Chairman, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board; Edward P. McPherson, Chief Financial Officer, USDA; Alan Lebowitz, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Program Operations, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

ANTITRUST ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Committee on the Judiciary: Task Force on Antitrust held an oversight hearing on “The Antitrust Enforcement Agencies: The Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice and the Bureau of Competition of the Federal Trade Commission.” Testimony was heard from R. Hewitt Pate, Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; and Timothy J. Muris, Chairman, FTC.

**OVERSIGHT—PATENT QUALITY
IMPROVEMENT**

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on “Patent Quality Improvement.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ABANDONED MINE LANDS PROGRAM

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing on the Abandoned Mine Lands Program. Testimony was heard from Representatives Kanjorski and Holden; Jeffrey Jarrett, Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

MARINE MAMMAL PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 2693, Marine Mammal Protection Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from Rebecca Lent, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce; Marshall Jones, Deputy Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; David Cottingham, Executive Director, Marine Mammal Commission; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on the following measures: H.R. 1005, PILT and Refuge Revenue Sharing Permanent Funding Act; H.R. 1723, Caribbean National Forest Act of 2003; H.R. 2707, Salt Cedar and Russian Olive Control Demonstration Act; and

to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to exchange certain lands within the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forest in the State of Colorado. Testimony was heard from Representative Beauprez, Pearce and Stenholm; Elizabeth Estill, Deputy Chief, Programs, Legislation and Communications, U.S. Forest Service, USDA; the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Chris Kearney, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy/International Affairs; and James Tate, Science Advisor to the Secretary; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on the following measures: H.R. 2828, Water Supply, Reliability and Environmental Improvement Act; and H.R. 2641, Calfed Bay-Delta Authorization Act. Testimony was heard from Senator Feinstein; and public witnesses.

MAKING EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY 2003

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote a modified closed rule providing one hour of debate in the House on H.R. 2859, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all point of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides for consideration of the amendment printed in the Congressional Record, if offered by Representative Toomey or his designee, which shall be considered as read and shall separately debatable for twenty minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

VA/HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS, 2004

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 8 to 4, an open rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 2861, Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations, 2004, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. Under the rules of the House the bill shall be read for amendment by paragraph. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill), except as specified in the resolution. The rule authorizes the Chair

to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Representatives Smith of New Jersey, Simmons, Obey, Mollohan, Edwards, Evans, Hastings of Florida, and Rodriguez.

SAME-DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a resolution waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The resolution applies the waiver to any special rule reported on the legislative day of July 25, 2003, providing for consideration or disposition of H.R. 2861, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

SMALL BUSINESS REAUTHORIZATION AND MANUFACTURING REVITALIZATION ACT

Committee on Small Business: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2802, Small Business Reauthorization and Manufacturing Revitalization Act of 2003.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Benefits held a hearing on oversight of the Department of Labor's administration of the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) under chapter 43 of title 38, United States Code. Testimony was heard from Susan LaChance, Manager, Selection, Evaluation, and Recognition, U.S. Postal Service; Frederico Juarbe, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Veterans' Employment and Training Service, Department of Labor; and representatives of veterans' organizations; and public witnesses.

SSA'S SERVICE DELIVERY PLAN

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on SSA's Service Delivery Plan. Testimony was heard from Jo Anne B. Barnhart, Commissioner, SSA; the following officials of the GAO: Robert E. Robertson, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues; and Linda D. Koontz, Director, Information Technology; and a public witness.

IRAQ—SUFFICIENCY OF INTELLIGENCE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Held a hearing on Sufficiency of Intelligence on Iraq. Testimony was heard from the following former Directors of the CIA: John M. Deutch; and R. James Woolsey; John J. Hamre, former Deputy Secretary of Defense; and Anthony H. Cordesman, Arleigh A. Burke Chair in Strategy, Center for Strategic and International Studies.

**HOMELAND SECURITY DEPARTMENT
INFORMATION SHARING CAPABILITIES—
IMPROVEMENTS**

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Intelligence and Counterterrorism held a hearing entitled “Improvements to Department of Homeland Security Information Sharing Capabilities—Vertical and Horizontal Intelligence Communications”. Testimony was heard from Bill Parrish, Acting Assistant, Information Analysis, Department of Homeland Security; V. Phillip Lago, Deputy Executive Secretary, CIA; Steven McCraw, Assistant Director, Office of Intelligence, FBI, Department of Justice; James Kallstrom, Senior Advisor to the Governor on Counter Terrorism, State of New York; George Foresman, Deputy Assistant to the Governor for Commonwealth Preparedness, State of Virginia; and a public witness.

Joint Meetings**COMMERCIAL HUMAN SPACEFLIGHT**

Joint Hearings: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Science Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics to examine space commercialization, including orbital and suborbital flights, understanding the current demand for public space

travel, and the future of space tourism, after receiving testimony from Jeff Greason, XCOR Aerospace, Mojave, California; Jon B. Kutler, Quarterdeck Investment Partners, Los Angeles, California; Philip McAlister, Futron Corporation, Bethesda, Maryland; Elon Musk, SpaceX, El Segundo, California; and Dennis A. Tito, Wilshire Associates, Incorporated, Santa Monica, California.

**AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
AUTHORIZATION ACT**

Conferees met on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2115, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs for the Federal Aviation Administration, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
JULY 25, 2003**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Corrections and Victims’ Rights, to hold hearings to examine deterrence of alien smuggling and human trafficking, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1829, Federal Prison Industries Competition in Contracting Act of 2003; H.R. 292, Korean War Veterans Recognition Act of 2003; H. Res. 234, condemning bigotry and violence against Arab-Americans, Muslim-Americans, South Asian-Americans, and Sikh Americans; H.R. 2655, to amend and extend the Irish Peace Process Cultural and Training Programs Act of 1998; and H.R. 1837, Services Acquisition Reform Act of 2003, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on Counterterrorism Update, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.